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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY AID FOR SOMALIA

REFS: (A) STATE 173088; (B) STATE 172367

1. WE BRIEFED MUELLER (FOREIGN OFFICE, AFRICAN DEPARTMENT) ALONG LINES OF REFTEL A. WE ALSO BRIEFED HIM ALONG LINES OF REFTEL B ON OUR CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE. MUELLER APPRECIATED THE BRIEFING AND EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO COORDINATE AID ASSISTANCE.
2. MUELLER REMINDED US THAT THE FRG CANNOT EXTEND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO AREAS OF TENSION. HE TOLD US THAT THE GSDR HAS RECENTLY MADE A CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST THROUGH THE FRG EMBASSY IN MOGADISCIO FOR MEDICINES, FOOD, TENTS, AND VEHICLES TO BE USED FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES FROM THE OGADEN. THE FONOFF HAS RECOMMENDED AS AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST DISPATCH OF 100,000 DM OF REFUGEE AID, THROUGH THE UNHCR, OR PERHAPS DIRECTLY FROM STOCKS IN NAIROBI. THIS RECOMMENDATION HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED.

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FOREIGN OFFICE THINKING ABOUT A LONG TERM PROGRAM HAS NOT YET GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND.

3. IN ANY CASE, MUELLER SAID THAT FRG AID ASSISTANCE WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD DISCREET SUPPORT FOR ANY POSSIBLE SOMALIAN INTENT TO DISASSOCIATE THE COUNTRY FROM THE USSR. HE SAID THE PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD GUIDE

THE FRG WERE THOSE AGREED ON IN MARCH IN BILATERAL TALKS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE. THEY WERE: AID WOULD NOT COMPROMISE SOMALIAN EFFORTS AT DIPLOMATIC REORIENTATION, NOR WOULD IT COMPROMISE AID EFFORTS OF THE MODERATE ARAB STATES.

4. MUELLER CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG HAS A MODEST PROGRAM OF POLICE ASSISTANCE. THE FRG IS NOT ENCOURAGING REQUESTS FOR EXPANSION OF THIS PROGRAM, BUT IT IS CONTINUING THE PRESENT PROGRAM. IT HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST FOR MILITARY HARDWARE. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, IT HAS SUPPLIED SOME TRUCKS TO THE POLICE, AND THREE GERMAN MECHANICS ARE STATIONED IN SOMALIA IN A REPAIR FACILITY TO SUPPORT THESE TRUCKS.

5. THE FONOFF WILL INFORM US AS SOON AS THE DECISION IS MADE ON THE HUMANITARIAN AID PACKAGE.
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